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CHILD DROWNED IN A DOLLY TUB AT LATHOM

On Thursday evening last, Mr S Brighthouse, the county coroner, held an inquiry at the Ring o'Bells Hotel, Lathom, into the circumstances attending the death of Emma Vickers, aged four years, daughter of James Vickers, a canal boatman, of 2 Canal Cottages, Ring o'Bells, Lathom, who was drowned in a dolly tub the previous Tuesday. – Mr O Glover was foreman of the jury. – The mother of the child, who was much distressed, stated that on Tuesday last she was washing in the wash-house, which was about ten yards from the house. About five o'clock she went to the kitchen to prepare tea, leaving deceased playing in the open at the back. A few minutes later she called her to come to her tea, and receiving no reply her son James went to look for her and shouted that she was in the dolly tub. The deceased was found lying face downwards in the tub, with her clothes over her head, there being 3½ inches of water in the tub. They carried her into the house, and witness put her across her knees in front of the fire and worked her arms, but on the arrival of Dr Laing, of Burscough, he pronounced life extinct. – In reply to the coroner, Mrs Vickers stated that the tub was two feet high and 18 inches in diameter. It was a very narrow tub, and there were no clothes in it. – Jas. Vickers, the son, gave similar evidence. P. C. Kerrigan, who examined the body, stated that there was a slight scar on the right temple. He thought the deceased might have got out by overbalancing the tub, but it was rather heavy. – A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned; the Coroner expressing his sympathy with the mother.